

I object  
strenuously to  
Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election.

It would be  
different if they  
balanced it by  
airing a pro-Kerry  
documentary  
back-to-back (like  
"Going Upriver").  
But this corporation  
is pushing a  
political agenda.  
This is a clear  
example of the  
dangers of media  
consolidation. It  
is hurting our  
democracy.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard.  
Thank you.